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In re Application of:

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**METHOD FOR MAKING BIOCHIP
SUBSTRATE**

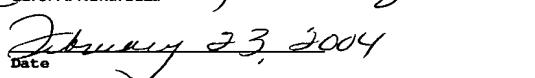
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination of the above indicated application, and in response to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2003 in the parent case, please enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.